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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 789

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Rural Health Clinic, Federal Qualified Health Center and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: IowaCare and Regular Medicaid Annual Routine Physical Examinations – **Addition of Covered Pap Smear Procedure Codes**

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Historically, Iowa Medicaid did not cover preventive physical exams for adults. As of July 1, 2007, however, this service was made available to adult members (21+), under both regular Medicaid and IowaCare. Informational Letter No. 640 (dated September 7, 2007) announced this new coverage and described how to bill for these services. Please refer to that release for complete billing and coverage information.

This Informational Letter announces that the covered procedure codes have been expanded to include Pap smears for female members. Payable Pap smear services for regular Iowa Medicaid and IowaCare female members under the adult annual preventative physical examination benefit is limited to the following procedure codes:

88141	88142	88143	88147
88148	88150	88152	88153
88154	88155	88164	88165
88166	88167	88174	88175

As these Pap smear codes will now be part of the annual exam, diagnosis codes V70.0 or V70.9 must be billed, in addition to the appropriate procedure code (per IL No. 640) for the exam itself.

As a reminder of provisions under Informational Letter No. 640, please note the following related to annual exams for IowaCare members:

- **Any qualified Medicaid provider will now be able to provide an annual preventive physical exam and limited laboratory services to IowaCare members. HOWEVER, NO OTHER SERVICES FOR IOWACARE MEMBERS WILL BE PAYABLE TO NON-IOWACARE PROVIDERS.**
- **Follow-up care for IowaCare members related to any medical issues identified in the annual exam must be referred to the member's IowaCare provider (either Broadlawns or the University of Iowa, depending upon the member's county of residence). Examinations or labs not considered routine are covered and payable only by an IowaCare provider.**

IowaCare Providers (University of Iowa and Broadlawns) should contact IME with any questions about how this new benefit should be billed.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to meet the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, locally at 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.